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ELECTION 2014

Council District 1 seat goes to Weinstein

Four incumbents win reelection in other races

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With only three of the five Howard County Council seats in contested races, and only one truly up-for-grabs, there is not much fanfare on the council level during Election Day.

In the most contentious race, the District 1 seat vacated by county executive candidate Courtney Watson, Democrat Jon Weinstein emerged victorious receiving 51.1 percent of the vote, 10,075 votes, while Republican Kevin Forrest Schmidt received 48.8 percent, or 9,631 votes.

The district encompasses parts of Ellicott City and Elkridge; it is one of the few true swing districts on the council.

"It was a hard fought campaign across the board. And I'm honored to be on the side of victory. I know here is more work to be done," Weinstein said Tuesday night.

In the other two contest races in Districts 2 and 5, incumbents Calvin Ball, a Democrat, and Greg Fox, a Republican, staved off two challengers.

Fox, whose district is the largest by land mass and encompasses the rural, western part of the county, defeated Democrat and attorney Alan Schneider by 9,372 votes. Fox has served on the council since 2006.

Ball, 39, whose district encompasses

East Columbia's villages of Long Reach and Oakland Mills and parts of Elkridge and Jessup, has also served on the council since 2006. He defeated Republican challenger Ralph Colavita by 3,851 votes.

"I'm honored to continue my service to our community. I look forward to keep fighting for excellence in education, public safety, our environment and issues that improve the quality of life for all," Ball said.

Jen Terrasa, 45, and Mary Kay Sigaty, 64, who represent District 3 and 4 respectively, ran unopposed. Both have served since 2006 as well.

All four incumbents will be term limited, meaning they can not seek reelection in 2018 under current law.

Other races

Here's a wrap up of other contested races around the county:

- Democrats Anne L. Dodd, Leslie Smith Turner and Nicole Bormel Miller were elected to serve as judges of the Orphans' Court.

- Democrat and incumbent James Fitzgerald was elected sheriff. Fitzgerald, 67, has served in the post since 2006. He defeated Republican challenger John Francis McMahon by 12,355 votes.

- Incumbent Dario Broccolino, 70, ran uncontested and captured the State's Attorney office. Broccolino is a Democrat and has served in the post since being appointed in 2007.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(R) Allan H. Kittleman	51,389	51.3%
(D) Courtney Watson	48,631	48.6%

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Jon Weinstein	10,075	51.1%
(R) Kevin Forrest Schmidt	9,631	48.8%

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Calvin Ball	10,997	60.5%
(R) Ralph Colavita	7,146	39.3%

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Jen Terrasa	13,596	97.8%

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Mary Kay Sigaty	15,097	97.4%

COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5

100% of precincts reporting		
(R) Greg Fox	16,269	70.2%
(D) Alan Joseph Schneider	6,897	29.7%

STATE'S ATTORNEY, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Dario Joseph Broccolino	72,944	97.7%

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Wayne A. Robey	72,253	98.5%

REGISTER OF WILLS, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Byron Macfarlane	70,984	98.5%

JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) Anne L. Dodd	52,062	22.6%
(D) Leslie Smith Turner	48,664	21.1%
(D) Nicole Bormel Miller	46,869	20.3%
(R) Ellen Harrison	43,068	18.7%
(R) Emma Travis-Howard	39,075	17.0%

SHERIFF, HOWARD COUNTY

100% of precincts reporting		
(D) James F. Fitzgerald	53,635	56.4%
(R) John Francis McMahon	41,280	43.4%

BOARD OF EDUCATION, HOWARD COUNTY, 4 SEATS

100% of precincts reporting		
Cynthia L. Vaillancourt	42,666	15.9%
Sandra H. French	41,254	15.3%
Bess I. Altwerger	36,515	13.6%
Christine O'Connor	36,329	13.5%
Dan Furman	32,015	11.9%
Zaneb K. Beams	28,543	10.6%
Allen Dyer	26,719	9.9%
Mike Smith	23,615	8.8%

Question A - Charter Amendment - Deputy Directors in the Executive Branch

100% of precincts reporting		
For	52,914	58.0%
Against	38,388	42.0%

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Howard County Council Chair Calvin Ball, left, high fives Courtney Watson supporter Catherine Hyde, of Woodstock, at Phelps Luck Elementary School in Columbia.

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